

I am discouraged to see biased, illegal abuse of public airwaves taking place in my own county, on KTNC, Azteca America, in Concord, California.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Balanced political discourse and localism are not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

The lack of available unbiased information is already extremely difficult to stomach, and Pappas's use of the public airwaves for blatant bias sickens me even further. Pappas uses these public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.